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France

Addendum

Views on conclusions and/or recommendations, voluntary commitments and replies presented by the State under review

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Third cycle of the universal periodic review
Responses of France to recommendations

1. France is deeply committed to the universal periodic review process. It is a unique process that allows all States to provide information on the measures taken to improve the human rights situation in their territory and to evaluate persistent challenges. France considers the universal periodic review as an essential tool for evaluating and updating public policy on respect for and the promotion of human rights.

2. France has carefully considered the 297 recommendations it received. All the ministries concerned participated in drafting the responses to the recommendations and the National Consultative Commission on Human Rights was consulted during the process.

3. This addendum is supplemented by an annex explaining the position taken by France in respect of each of the recommendations.

4. France **accepts 238**, or 80 per cent, of the recommendations made. These are either recommendations whose wording and intention it supports, or those it has already implemented.

5. France **partially accepts** the wording and intention **of 34 recommendations** which it generally approves of but cannot fully implement, either because it does not agree with part of the recommendation, although it could implement the other part, or because of legal or constitutional obstacles that prevent the full implementation of the recommendation.

6. France **takes note of the 25 recommendations** that it is not in a position to implement for legal or constitutional reasons, whose content it does not support, or whose claims it rejects.

Normative and structural framework for the protection of human rights

7. France **accepts** the following recommendations:

145.20, 145.22, 145.23, 145.25, 145.26, 145.27, 145.28, 145.29, 145.30, 145.31, 145.97, 145.114, 145.115, 145.165, 145.166, 145.167, 145.168 and 145.177.

8. France **partially accepts** the following recommendations:

145.1, 145.11, 145.12, 145.17, 145.18, 145.19, 145.21 and 145.169.

9. France **takes note** of the following recommendations:

145.2, 145.3, 145.4, 145.5, 145.6, 145.7, 145.8, 145.9, 145.10, 145.13, 145.14, 145.15, 145.16, 145.24, 145.32 and 145.33.

Combating discrimination, racism, anti-Semitism and xenophobia

10. France **accepts** the following recommendations:

145.34, 145.35, 145.36, 145.37, 145.38, 145.39, 145.40, 145.41, 145.42, 145.43, 145.45, 145.46, 145.48, 145.49, 145.50, 145.51, 145.53, 145.54, 145.55, 145.56, 145.57, 145.58, 145.59, 145.60, 145.62, 145.65, 145.66, 145.67, 145.68, 145.69, 145.71, 145.73, 145.74, 145.75, 145.76, 145.77, 145.78, 145.79, 145.80, 145.81, 145.82, 145.83, 145.84, 145.85, 145.86, 145.87, 145.88, 145.89, 145.91, 145.92, 145.93, 145.94, 145.95, 145.96, 145.211, 145.257, 145.258, 145.259, 145.296 and 145.297.

11. France **partially accepts** the following recommendations:

145.44, 145.47, 145.52, 145.64, 145.72 and 145.260.

12. France **takes note** of the following recommendations:

145.63, 145.70 and 145.90.

The Rwandan genocide

13. France **accepts** the following recommendations:

145.98, 145.100, 145.101, 145.102, 145.104, 145.105, 145.106, 145.107 and 145.109.

14. France **partially accepts** the following recommendations:

145.99, 145.103 and 145.108.

Business and human rights

15. France **accepts** the following recommendations:

145.61, 145.111, 145.112 and 145.113.

16. France **takes note** of the following recommendation:

145.110.

Respect for human rights in the context of combating terrorism

17. France **accepts** the following recommendations:

145.116, 145.117, 145.118, 145.119, 145.120, 145.121, 145.122, 145.123, 145.124, 145.125, 145.126, 145.127, 145.129, 145.130, 145.131, 145.132, 145.133, 145.134, 145.135, 145.136 and 145.270.

18. France **partially accepts** the following recommendation:

145.137.

19. France **takes note** of the following recommendation:

145.128.

Respect for human rights by the security forces

20. France **accepts** the following recommendations:

145.138, 145.139, 145.140, 145.170, 145.171, 145.172, 145.173 and 145.175.

21. France **partially accepts** the following recommendation:

145.174.

Promotion and protection of human rights in places of imprisonment

22. France **accepts** the following recommendations:

145.141, 145.142, 145.143, 145.145, 145.146, 145.148, 145.149 and 145.150.

23. France **partially accepts** the following recommendations:

145.144 and 145.147.

Human trafficking

24. France **accepts** the following recommendations:

145.151, 145.152, 145.153, 145.154, 145.155, 145.156, 145.157, 145.158, 145.159, 145.160, 145.161, 145.162, 145.163 and 145.164.

Housing, combating poverty and protection of vulnerable populations

25. France **accepts** the following recommendations:

145.178, 145.179, 145.180, 145.181, 145.182, 145.183, 145.184, 145.185, 145.186, 145.187, 145.188, 145.189, 145.190, 145.191, 145.192, 145.261, 145.263, 145.264, 145.265 and 145.295.

26. France **partially accepts** the following recommendation:

145.262.

Rights of children

27. France **accepts** the following recommendations:

145.176, 145.193, 145.194, 145.195, 145.196, 145.197, 145.199, 145.200, 145.232, 145.233, 145.235, 145.242, 145.243, 145.246, 145.247, 145.283, 145.284, 145.286, 145.287, 145.288, 145.289, 145.290, 145.291, 145.292, 145.293 and 145.294.

28. France **partially accepts** the following recommendations:

145.236, 145.237, 145.238, 145.239, 145.240, 145.241, 145.244, 145.245 and 145.285.

29. France **takes note** of the following recommendations:

145.198, 145.201 and 145.234.

Gender equality and rights of women

30. France **accepts** the following recommendations:

145.202, 145.203, 145.204, 145.205, 145.207, 145.208, 145.209, 145.212, 145.213, 145.214, 145.215, 145.216, 145.217, 145.218, 145.219, 145.220, 145.221, 145.222, 145.223, 145.224, 145.225, 145.226, 145.227, 145.228, 145.229, 145.230 and 145.231.

31. France **partially accepts** the following recommendation:

145.206.

Rights of persons with disabilities

32. France **accepts** the following recommendations:

145.248, 145.249, 145.250, 145.251, 145.253, 145.254, 145.255 and 145.256.

33. France **partially accepts** the following recommendation:

145.252.

Protection of rights in the context of immigration and asylum

34. France **accepts** the following recommendations:

145.210, 145.266, 145.267, 145.269, 145.271, 145.272, 145.273, 145.274, 145.275, 145.276, 145.277, 145.278, 145.279, 145.280, 145.281 and 145.282.

35. France **partially accepts** the following recommendation:

145.268.

36. The follow-up and implementation of recommendations is vital to ensure the credibility of the universal periodic review. That is why France will, by 2021, submit a midterm report on the implementation of the recommendations made in January 2018. All relevant government agencies and independent bodies, including the National Consultative Commission on Human Rights, will be involved in the follow-up.